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Bill Summaries

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing select committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER..... *Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session*
CON RES XXX..... *Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... *Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... *House & Senate disagree; bill died*
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... *One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... *Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
EMERGENCY..... *Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... *Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... *Bill failed to get majority vote*
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... *Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*
INDEF PP..... *Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
ONTP..... *Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
OTP ND..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
OTP ND/NT..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
P&S XXX..... *Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
PUBLIC XXX..... *Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
RESOLVE XXX..... *Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
UNSIGNED..... *Bill held by Governor*
VETO SUSTAINED..... *Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 648

An Act to Increase the Period of Ineligibility for the Moose Lottery to 5 years

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS WOODCOCK	ONTP	

LD 648 proposed to increase the period of ineligibility for the moose lottery from 2 years to 5 years for a person who was successful in the taking of a moose during the previous open moose season. It also proposed to provide for automatic eligibility in the public chance drawing for any person who obtained a moose hunting permit during the previous open moose season but was unsuccessful in the taking of a moose.

LD 655

An Act to Clarify the Rights of Residents Within Wildlife Sanctuaries

PUBLIC 198

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER G LEMONT	OTP-AM	H-259

LD 655 proposed to allow a person who lives in a privately owned residence in a wildlife sanctuary to own and possess a firearm, store the firearm in the person's residence and transport the firearm to and from the residence.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-259) proposed to repeal the ban on having hunting implements in wildlife sanctuaries.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 198 repeals the ban on possession of hunting implements in wildlife sanctuaries.

LD 673

An Act to Require Alien Big Game Hunters to be Accompanied by a Guide

DIED IN CONCURRENCE

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN DUNLAP	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 673 would make it illegal for an alien to hunt big game without being accompanied by a licensed guide.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-142), the minority amendment, proposed to require that only aliens who are citizens of Canada and not permanent resident aliens employ and hunt with a resident Maine guide when hunting big game.

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The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 675 **Resolve, to Establish Rules for On-line Sales of Hunting and Fishing Licenses and Watercraft, Snowmobile and All-terrain Vehicle Registrations** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACOBS NUTTING J	ONTP	

LD 675 proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt major substantive rules that established criteria to govern the requirement that agents of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife would develop computer interactive capacity in order to sell hunting and fishing licenses and register watercraft, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles. At minimum the commissioner would be required to develop rules that:

1. Created a pilot program to test the on-line program,
2. Established a 5-year timetable for requiring agents to sell on-line licenses and registrations,
3. Ensured that license and registration documentation would not easily be reproduced and
4. Created an electronic transfer of funds system that was agreed to by the department and agents.

LD 702 **An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Bear and Bear Parts** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BULL	ONTP	

LD 702 proposed to prohibit the sale of bear parts and any product that contained bear parts.

LD 734 **An Act Concerning Lifetime Licenses and Complimentary Licenses for Residents over 70 Years of Age** **PUBLIC 351**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNLAP	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-565

LD 734 proposed to require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to discontinue issuing a complimentary license to hunt, trap or fish to a resident over 70 years of age.